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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE ND-31

This notice announces a revision to the Field Office Technical (FOTG), Section I, Cost Data - Cost Tables, effective March 27, 2003. The Cost Data is located on eFOTG at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

The following changes have been made to Section I, Cost Data. (Note: A line occurs on the right side of the page wherever a change has been made to the Cost Tables)

Table A - Earthmoving and Related Costs

- Separation of rates for first 500 CY, the rates over 500 CY have been removed. Rates for all CY are as follows:
 - Excavation Dry - \$1.15/CY
 - Excavation Wet - \$1.30/CY
 - Irrigation Land Leveling - \$125/Acre AM
 - Machine Compaction - \$1.30/CY
 - Roller Compaction - \$1.50/CY
- Wetland restoration, all structures, \$250.00
- Trenching for pipelines
 - Table restructured to include costs for backhoe installed pipelines
 - Irrigation, spring development, ag waste pipeline rates increased to \$1.75/LF
 - Item added for boring under roadways and streams at \$10.00/LF
- Critical area treatment - removed mine reclamation

Table B - Pipe and Related Costs

- Removed adjustments for length of pipe
- Added conversions to irrigation application methods that increase net water savings (example: flood to sprinkler) - \$250/Acre AM.

Table C - Construction Materials, Wells, and Storage Facilities

- Wells - increased costs per foot on most categories
- Added water pumps at \$1,000.00 each
- Added frost free vault, complete with pressure tank, switches, and contacts at \$1,200.00 each
- Removed item – well recasing for artesian wells
- Livestock water facilities – combined all storage tanks into one rate at \$1.00/gal for complete installation

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Table D - Vegetative Establishment and Related Costs

- Chemical application – ground – increased to \$4.00/ Ac
- Added Mulch Blankets under Critical Area Preparation -- \$0.50/sq.yd

Table E - Seed Costs

- Numerous changes to individual species costs

Table F - Average Costs for Establishing or Reestablishing Trees or Shrubs

- Chemical application - ground - increased to \$4.00/ac.
- Synthetic Weed Barrier (6 feet wide) increased to \$45.00/ 100-ft. row
- Tree planting – bare root – hand planted – increased to \$1.00/ tree
- Removal of entire tree and/or shrub row – increased to \$75.00/100-ft. row
 - Removal - \$60.00/100-ft. row
 - Bury - \$15.00.100-ft.row

Table G - Grassland Practices

- Fence costs were increased for most categories
- Added category for feedlot fence at \$4.50 AM
- Suspension fences were removed
- Electric fence energizers were added at \$500.00 each AM

Table I - Incentive Payments

- Has been removed and will be reissued with EQIP cost share information

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